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6. [] At his request, I met with Richard Perle and Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee. Perle gave me nine questions having to do with the Soviet grain situation in 1972. He said Senator Jackson is most anxious to have this information, especially the answer to the last question having to do with our assessment of the logistical aspects of any grain transfers. These questions have been passed to [] [] OER, for action.

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7. [] Met with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, and briefed him on Chinese preparations for another nuclear test and South African preparation for construction of a new uranium enrichment plant.

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8. [] Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the confirmation of Schlesinger and Colby. He said he did not expect any hearings before late next week.

I told Braswell of our concern, for a number of reasons, over the prospects of publishing hearings regarding Agency involvement in the Watergate and Ellsberg matters. I said it seemed to me all the essential facts had been brought out one way or another and it would be undesirable to stimulate renewed interest in the matter. I also pointed out there were not only security considerations, but matters of serious embarrassment to individuals which could result from throwing all the records into the public purview, to say nothing of the impact they might have on the Cox/Ervin controversy over public revelations. Braswell was entirely sympathetic but said he thought Acting Chairman Symington was pretty well committed to publish everything subject to all essential deletions for security reasons. He did not think Senator Stennis would be inclined to intervene in the matter.

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9. [] In the course of a conversation on another subject (see Memo for Record), I raised with Senator John Stennis the question of publication of the transcripts of our Senate Armed Services hearings and he tended to agree such publication was unnecessary and probably undesirable at this stage. Our conversation was interrupted at this point but he indicated we might discuss it later in the next several days.

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